PROSAD PAL): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Additional Funds for Modernisation of NTC Mills in Gujarat

2247. SHRI CHIMANBHAI HARIBHAI SHUKLA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had agreed to provide additional funds as advance to NTC mills in Gujarat to facilitate their revival and to undertake short-term modernisation programme to boost production:

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government have not released the funds as yet;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether NTC mills in Gujarat have received any offer from private sector in this regard for Joint Financial Investments, and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) and (b) No sir, funds are being provided only for meeting the liability on account of wages and salaries.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) No sir.

(e) Does not arise.

Scrutiny of Performance of State Electricity Boards

2248. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether performance of State Electricity Boards was scrutinised through a "Financial Performance Review" conducted by Central Electricity Authority till 1981 and whether the same has been discontinued since then;

(b) whether the Electricity Supply Act (1948) enjoins on CEA to collect and publish information/performance data on SEBs and if so, the reasons for ignoring the statutory requirement by CEA; and

(c) whether in the absence of such authentic figures, achievement of 61 per cent Plan Load Factor was claimed during 1994-95, while the generation per KW remained static at 1976-77 levels?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI URMILABEN CHIMANBHAI PATEL): (a) and (b) The Electricity (Supply) Act, 1948 enjoins on Central Electricity Authority (CEA) to collect and publish information/performance data on the State Electricity Boards (SEBs) and the same is being done. The last publication of "Financial Performance Review" was brought out by CEA in the year 1988, covering the data upto 1985.

(c) The Kwh/KW in the year 1976-77 was 4853 which gives the PLF of 55.4%, whereas the Kwh/KW was 5258 during 1994-95, which gave PLF of 60%, which was based on the authentic figures only.

Term of Chairman of IDBI

2249. SHRI S. AUSTIN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the term of present Chairman of IDBI is over;

(b) whether such officers are allowed to work as consultants for large houses after their retirement;

(c) what are the guidelines to ensure that close liaisons are not developed between high officers of IDBI and private companies;

(d) whether Government monitor their activities after retirement; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINITER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (DR. DEBI PROSAD PAL (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (e) In accordance with the terms and conditions of appointment of

Chairman & Managing Director, Industrial Development Bank of India, he is required to obtain prior permission of the Central Government before accepting any commercial employment, including directorship of companies, within two years of demitting office on retirement on superannuation, expiry of tenure, resignation or any other reason.

New Currency notes issued by RBI

2250. SHRI K. M. KHAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether one packet each of Rs. 1,2 and 5of new currency notes are being issued by the Reserve Bank of India, New Delhi to members of public on occasions of marriage and other social functions;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether M.Ps are also being issued new packets of Rs. 1, 2 and 5 of new currency notes for their family functions by R.B.I., New Delhi;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (DR. DEBI PROSAD PAL): (a) No Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) There is a very small and limited stock of fresh note packets of Rs. 5/- available with Reserve Bank of India, New Delhi Office. Such notes are issued in very small quantities under special authorisation through one special counter by New Delhi Office.

(e) Does not arise.

Indian Airlines Office at Lahore in Pakistan damaged by extremists

2251. SHRI PASUMPON THA. KIRUTTINAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian Airlines Office at Lahore, Pakistan was attacked and damaged by extremists on 30th October, 1995;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the assessment of actual damage caused and also action taken/proposed to be taken to take up the matter with Pakistan Government?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) On 31.10.1995 a group of about 40 miscreants armed with sticks, forcibly entered the Indian Airlines office in Lahore and smashed the front and rear doors and glass windows. No personnel was hurt.

(c) The damage caused is about Rs. 35,000/-. Government have lodged a protest with Government of Pakistan through diplomatic channels expressing serious concern at the attack. It has been emphasized that Government of Pakistan must provide necessary protection to Indian Airlines office to prevent recurrence of such incidents. Pakistan has informed that the concerned authorities have been instructed to take the necessary security measures.

Prices of Cotton

2252. DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the average prices of cotton during the last three years;

(b) whether cotton will be imported this year; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) The weighted average prices of raw cotton during the last